

Hindu-Muslim Clashes Spread in South Asia

Death Toll Across India Rises to 450, Pakistan and Bangladesh Suffer, Too

By John Ward Anderson
Washington Post Service
NEW DELHI — Religious riots raged Tuesday across three nations in South Asia, with Hindu-Muslim clashes increasing throughout India and violence escalating in Pakistan and Bangladesh, where rioters destroyed dozens of temples in retaliation for the destruction of a mosque by Hindu militants in India.

Clashes between mobs and police continued to be fiercest in Bombay, where police sources reported at least 74 people killed. Unconfirmed reports of a major street battle could push the death toll as high as 100. More than 200 fires have been set in the past two days. A curfew remained in effect over parts of the nation's financial capital, while continuing tensions, protests and strikes closed the stock and commodity markets for the second day.



The Hindu temple of Jain in Lahore, Pakistan, crushing to the ground Tuesday.

Somali Mission Is Under Way as U.S. Vanguard Secures Airport

Clinton Says Only U.S. Can Lead World

Paul F. Horvitz
International Herald Tribune
WASHINGTON — Offering a blunt assessment of the chaotic state of the world, President-elect Bill Clinton said Tuesday that the United States was the only nation that could realistically offer leadership in the causes of democracy, market economies and humanitarian relief.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
MOGADISHU, Somalia — American troops began arriving in the Somali capital before dawn on Wednesday, swiftly moving to seize the airport in an armed mission of mercy to feed starving millions.

EC Is Straining To Bring Danes Back to the Fold

By Tom Redburn
International Herald Tribune
BRUSSELS — Six months after Danish voters rejected the Maastricht treaty and only days before an EC showdown on the issue, Denmark was still out of step Tuesday with its Community partners over how to resume the march toward European unity.

Yeltsin Offers Congress Veto on 4 Key Cabinet Posts



Mr. Yeltsin meeting in the Kremlin Tuesday with leaders of the Congress of People's Deputies to present his power-sharing plan.

By Michael Dobbs
Washington Post Service
MOSCOW — President Boris N. Yeltsin on Tuesday offered the Russian parliament the right to veto appointments to four major cabinet posts, including the Foreign Ministry, in an attempt to protect his economic team led by the acting prime minister, Yegor T. Gaidar.

For Young Israelis, Intifada Lesson Is That Old Rules Don't Work

By David Hoffman
Washington Post Service
HERZLIYYA, Israel — As young boys, the three of them romped together on the streets of this seaside upper-middle class town. Alon, Uri and Omer were among the elite of their generation, and when it came time to join the Israeli Army they enlisted in the most prestigious fighting units.

At the time they were donning their uniforms in late 1987 and early 1988, the Palestinian intifada, or uprising, exploded in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Suddenly, they were no longer following in the footsteps of their fathers, who had been soldiers in Israel's 1967 and 1973 wars against the Arab states.

Instead, they were running through strange Arab villages not far from their homes, chasing children, ducking stones and witnessing things they had never imagined.

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Peru Avalanche Kills 40 Gold Miners

LA PAZ (AP) — A mud avalanche buried a gold-mining camp in the remote sub-tropical foothills of the Bolivian Andes, killing at least 40 miners Tuesday, the Federation of Gold Cooperatives said.

Age of Melancholy: A Depressing Idea Takes Root

By Daniel Goleman
New York Times Service
NEW YORK — If the 20th century ushered in the Age of Anxiety, its exit is witnessing the dawn of the Age of Melancholy. The first international study of major depression reveals a steady rise in the disorder worldwide.

Age of Melancholy: A Depressing Idea Takes Root

They can only speculate about why one price of modernity should be the spread of melancholy. Competing explanations range from a loss of belief in God or an afterlife that can buffer people against life's setbacks, to the stresses of industrialization, to the distress created in women by the spread of unattainable ideals of female beauty, to exposure to toxic substances.

Table with financial data: Dow Jones (Up 14.85), Trib Index (Up 0.13%), and various market indices.

Table with financial data: The Dollar (Down 1.5687), Pound (1.5985), Yen (123.775), FF (5.3125).

Table with financial data: Credit Lyonnais, Honda bets, China for motorcycles, etc.

Table with financial data: Crossword, Weather, etc.

Table with financial data: General News, Bill Clinton reiterated his resolve to control health care costs, etc.

Table with financial data: Business/Finance, Credit Lyonnais is suing ex-MGM aides, etc.

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★ POLITICAL NOTES ★

Texans Stampede for Bentsen's Senate Seat

DALLAS — Senator Lloyd Bentsen's appointment as Treasury secretary isn't even official yet, but that hasn't stood in the way of a feverish outbreak of political jockeying and speculation over who might replace him in what would be only the third change of senators in Texas since 1961.

Henry Cisneros, former mayor of San Antonio, and former Lieutenant Governor Bill Hobby are considered the two front-runners to be named by Governor Ann Richards to fill the post on an interim basis. If Mr. Bentsen gives it up to become a member of President Bill Clinton's cabinet.

But almost everyone from the White House chief of staff, James A. Baker 3d, to President George Bush's son George W., is figuring in the what-ifs surrounding the special election that will probably be held in May to fill the seat. The winner would serve out the remainder of Mr. Bentsen's term, which ends in 1994.

Leaders of both parties are desperately hoping to coalesce around one candidate and avoid a bloodbath like the legendary free-for-all that broke out the last time Texas had a vacant Senate seat. That was in 1961, when Lyndon B. Johnson gave up his seat to become vice president and about 70 candidates jumped into the race.

When the dust cleared, John Tower, a previously unknown Republican, became the first Republican since Reconstruction days to be sent to the Senate from Texas. The seat, now held by Phil Gramm, has been held by the Republicans ever since.

But given the stakes, and the menagerie of potential candidates, few expect anything as sedate as a two-way race.

"I don't think there's enough discipline in either party to make this a two-person race," said George Christian, a longtime Democratic consultant and Mr. Johnson's press secretary. "The brass ring only comes around so often, maybe once in a generation, and if you're an ambitious politician, it's hard not to take a shot at it." (NYT)

Marilyn Horne to Sing at Clinton Inauguration

WASHINGTON — Marilyn Horne, the American mezzo-soprano who has been called "the finest opera singer of her generation," has been invited by President-elect Bill Clinton to sing at his swearing-in ceremony.

"I'm usually elated," she said. She was also, perhaps, clairvoyant: Like most classical singers, she has to book her schedule years in advance, but she had already penciled in Washington for inaugural week.

"I just had an inkling," she said. She has known the president-elect for seven years. After she gave a concert in Little Rock, Arkansas, they began to exchange notes. They share throat doctors, and she sang last summer at the Democratic National Convention in New York. In addition, Mr. Clinton has said she is one of his favorite singers. (WP)

New York Certifies D'Amato Senate Victory

ALBANY, New York — The New York state board of elections has certified Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato's narrow re-election victory in the Nov. 3 balloting.

The board said Monday that Mr. D'Amato, a Republican, received 3,166,994 votes or 44.7 percent, to 3,086,200 votes or 43.5 percent for the state attorney general, Robert Abrams, a Democrat. Other candidates received the rest of the votes. Mr. D'Amato was elected to his third term. (AP)

Quote / Unquote:

Barbara Bush, on her husband's reaction to losing the presidency: "He was not happy he could not finish the job he set out to do. But he is resilient. He was never despondent." (UPI)

Away From Politics

Rescuers suspended the search for eight miners trapped in a coal mine by an explosion in Norton, Virginia, after dangerous gas, smoke and heat forced them to retreat.

A Swiss countess has given \$20 million to Harvard University, the largest grant in the history of its School of Public Health. Albina du Boisrouvray established the grant in memory of her son. It will enable the school to build a research center to document and analyze how health and illness are linked to human rights issues.

A powerful storm in Southern California caused a freight train to derail, spawned a tornado that ripped through a mobile home park and flooded homes and freeways.

At least 4.3 million immigrants were living in Canada last year, representing 16.1 percent of the national population, a government agency said Tuesday.

The Ku Klux Klan apparently will be allowed to put a cross on Fountain Square in the central area of Cincinnati during holiday season, the Cincinnati solicitor, Fay Dupuis, recommended that the Klan be allowed to place the 10-foot cross on the square between Dec. 20 and Dec. 30.

There is a 12-percent chance that a major earthquake will hit Southern California in the next year and a 47 percent chance of a major tremor in five years, according to a panel of experts meeting in San Francisco.

All charges against Rear Admiral John M. Poindexter, the former national security adviser, in connection with his role in the Iran-contra scandal have been dismissed. The Independent Counsel, Lawrence Walsh, acted after the Supreme Court ruled that Admiral Poindexter could remain free. He announced that he would dismiss the charges. (UPI, AFP, AP)

Clinton Stresses Resolve on Health Costs

By Paul F. Horvitz

International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — On his second consensus-building tour of Washington, President-elect Bill Clinton won applause Tuesday from Democratic members of Congress and declared that controlling health costs was crucial to his economic revitalization plan.

Aides to Mr. Clinton have made no secret of the fact that they consider warm relations with Congress essential to carrying out his policy agenda and creating a public perception of action by the government.

Democrats, who control the House and the Senate, are keenly aware that, with a Democratic president, they will be under pressure to act quickly.

At a closed-door meeting with Democrats in the House, Mr. Clinton displayed what many called an impressive depth of knowledge on a wide range of issues and legislation. Bursts of applause were heard, The Associated Press reported.

"He was here playing on the pulse strings like it was a fine violin, and he played it very, very well, genuinely and with a sense of passion," said Representative Gary L. Ackerman, a New York Democrat.

Representative Howard L. Berman, a California Democrat, said Mr. Clinton "showed he knows about every single issue and every single member."

The president-elect repeated his pledge to present some of his legislative proposals to Congress even before he takes office on Jan. 20, and he is said to have delivered another pledge to support programs to revitalize the nation's cities.

One congressman said the president-elect emphasized that his

health care revisions were "absolutely integral" to his economic recovery plans, a theme that Mr. Clinton has touched almost daily in public speeches this week.

In an early-morning speech Tuesday to a media management group, Mr. Clinton said that increases in the cost of health care accounted for half the projected growth in the federal budget deficit. Various government health care programs are required by law to keep pace with inflation in health care costs, and these "entitlement" programs are likely to come under scrutiny.

"I intend to show you some real discipline in this budgeting process," Mr. Clinton told the group.

His vice president, Al Gore, will be a key White House lobbyist in seeking passage of health reforms, Mr. Clinton said.

Later, Mr. Clinton met with chairmen of congressional committees, all of whom are Democrats, and the newly elected Democrats in Congress.

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President-elect Bill Clinton answering a student's question during an appearance at Wilbur Wright Community College in Chicago.

A Show of Concern for Hong Kong

International Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON — President-elect Bill Clinton said Tuesday that he was "very concerned" about the dispute over democratic reforms in Hong Kong, signaling that his recent softer rhetoric toward Beijing did not mean ambivalence about the British colony's future.

Responding to a journalist's question at a breakfast meeting, Mr. Clinton noted that Hong Kong's future was "a matter between Britain and China" but that he hoped the United States could "play a constructive role" in ironing out disputes.

Hong Kong's governor, Chris Patten, has proposed an expansion of representative democracy before China takes control of Hong Kong in 1997. Beijing has strenuously objected.

Mr. Clinton, who has visited Hong Kong, said he was "very concerned" about recent developments there. China, he said, "desperately" wants to maintain "the economic engine of Hong Kong."

"I hope they understand," he said, "that they really can't maintain it unless they also maintain a large range of personal freedom, liberty and human rights."

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cil, a centrist policy group of which Mr. Clinton once was chairman.

At a dinner party Monday night at the home of Katharine Graham, chairman of the board of The Washington Post Co., he delivered an impromptu toast in which he said Washington should pay attention to policy goals and not personalities and mentioned a moving let-

ter he had received from Robert S. McNamara, the former secretary of defense, urging him to heal the wounds of the Vietnam War.

Among the guests were the British ambassador, Sir Robin Renwick; Senator Sam Nunn of Georgia; Paul A. Volcker, former head of the Federal Reserve; and Felix Rohatyn, the New York financier.

A Policy Institute Has Clinton's Ear

By Thomas L. Friedman

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The issuing of policy recommendations by Washington research institutes rarely draws attention. But when the Progressive Policy Institute called a news conference to announce its recommendations for the Clinton administration, a standing-room-only crowd elbowed into the ballroom as though they were being offered a glimpse into President-elect Bill Clinton's brain.

And maybe they were.

As governor of Arkansas, Mr. Clinton was a founding father of the Democratic Leadership Council, a coalition of moderate Democrats who banded together in 1985 to move their party from the left to the center. The policy institute is the research arm of the council, and both the source and repository for many of Mr. Clinton's ideas.

While not every idea in its 380 pages of policy recommendations is expected to be adopted by the incoming administration, the institute's "Mandate for Change" is as good a crib sheet as any for Mr. Clinton's first State of the Union Message, and the recommendations are expected to become standard-issue bedtime reading for the "new kind of Democrats" about to take over Washington.

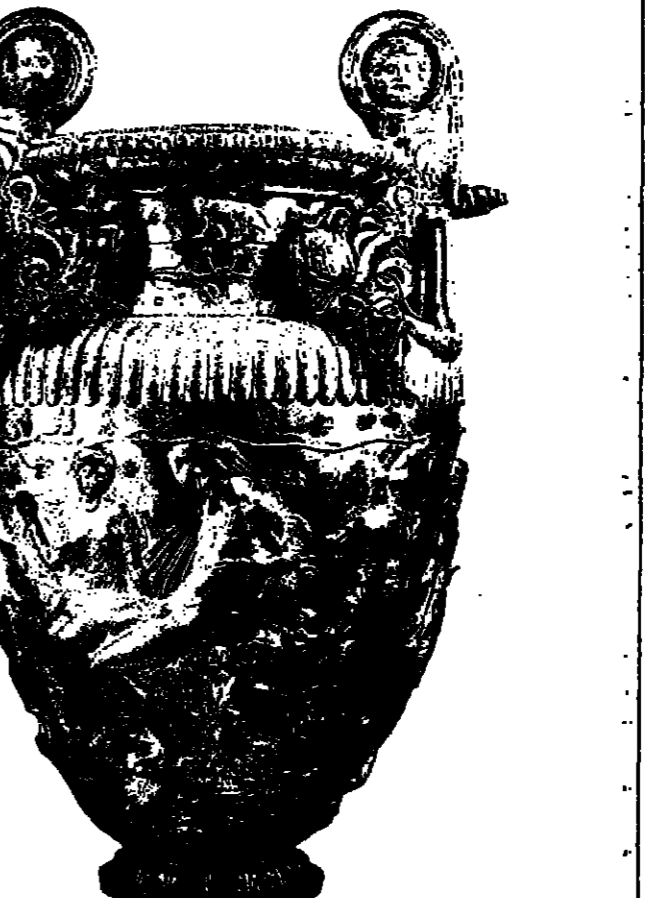
Some of the ideas were incorporated into the Clinton platform. Some of the more intriguing notions include the following:

- Government should help workers who are unemployed or whose jobs are at risk to re-educate themselves for the changing marketplace.
- Incentives should be introduced in the State Department to encourage embassies abroad to better promote American exports, possibly by allowing the secretary of state to provide "career awards" or bonuses for diplomats who specialize in advancing American economic interests.
- Federal subsidies to affluent taxpayers should be curbed by going after money provided to businesses and individuals whose credits derive more from political power rather than from economic rationale. This could include areas like farm and business subsidies and mortgage-interest deductions for the wealthy.
- Government should shift from emphasizing education and training for welfare mothers toward private-sector efforts to move such women directly into jobs. This would stem the trend in which educational training prolongs welfare benefits without leading to permanent employment.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURES SEND THEIR MESSAGE OF GREEK MACEDONIA

It is true that when ordinary people refer to Greek antiquity, they usually have in mind ancient cities that had played an important role in the growth of civilization from prehistorical up to the classical period. Among them, Athens, Thebes, Corinth, Sparta, Olympia and other cities of the southern part of Greece, the Aegean islands, Crete, Cyprus, west Asia Minor and even south of Italy, the very well known "Magna Graecia" are among the prevailing ones. On the contrary Macedonia's history comes into existence since the glorious reign of King Philip, his son Alexander the Great, and his generals who ruled over the remainings of the late Persian empire, creating the very well known and so important Greek centers of civilization of Alexandria, Pergamos, Antioch of Mesopotamia. Nevertheless, Macedonia's previous history remains quite obscure to common people.

However, archaeological excavations during the last twenty years bring to light hundreds of ancient Greek cities, temples, palaces, theaters and tombs, one of which is the famous tomb of King Philip, and treasures of an exquisite workmanship and design. Chronologically, they cover the most important periods of the Greek history from the Mycenaean up to the classical times. Their number increases in such a manner, that in the years to come, they will very probably exceed those of the southern part of the country, which was wrongly considered to constitute the main body of Greek antiquity. Therefore, when talking of ancient Greece, one must have in mind its northern part as well, i.e. Macedonia.



The bronze crater of Derveni

Amongst the most important finds are the bronze crater and several other bronze vases with an attractive golden appearance. They were discovered near Thessaloniki, capital of Macedonia in 1969. They are ascribed to the 4th century B.C., a period during which metal working technique in Greece had reached an amazingly high standard of perfection.

The large crater, a unique masterpiece of ancient Greek art and technology, has a height 90 cm. and an approximate mass of 40 kg. The base, the four statuettes, which lie on the crater's shoulder, and the two heavy handles are cast, while the whole main body with the fine relief decorations is forged.

Its golden colour, which led archaeologists to believe that it was gold plated, is due to an unusual high tin content (15%). It is surprising how ancient Greeks had shaped a so hard copper-tin alloy into such a large vase and, what is more, they had decorated its main body with high relief decorations.

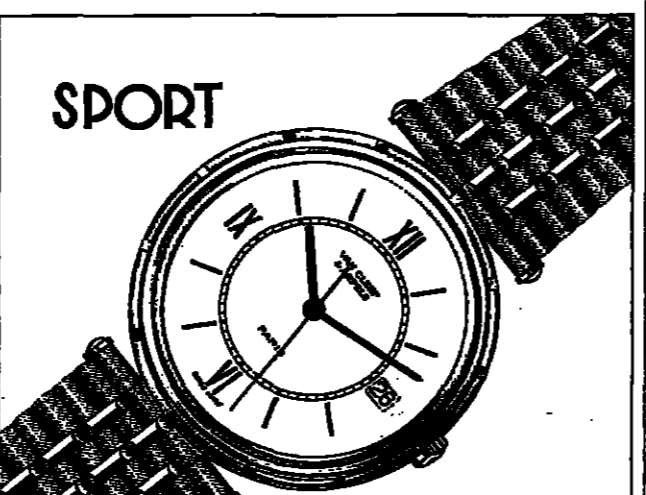
On the other hand, X-ray investigation led to the unexpected conclusion that this huge crater was from bottom to the middle of its neck a one piece vase. At this point exists the sole welding zone between the main body and the upper part of the crater. Just above the welding point some small in size wild animals seem to walk on an irregular ground. In this way, the artist has, actually, succeeded in hiding the rather rough welding.

Macro and micro examination and experimental work showed that the crater would have been produced by forging, while the smaller bronze vases either by forging, or on the lathe or, finally by a combination of both of them. In fact, some of the small vases possess signs of spinning on the lathe.

Anyway, the above study has largely contributed in assessing the achievements realized by ancient Greeks in Macedonia during the 4th century B.C., and has led to the conclusion that throughout this period Greek art and technology had, actually, reached a climax of perfection; and, what is more, Macedonia the new Greek super power that has succeeded Athens after its decline constituted part of the ancient Greek world and a continuation of its civilization.

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Bosnia: The Hard Choice

Listen carefully to Brigadier General Hussein Ali Abdul Razek, commander of United Nations forces in Sarajevo. He is now saying that his peacekeeping mission has failed and there must be international intervention to halt the bloodshed in Bosnia.

Fury Unleashed in India

The central task confronting India since its birth 45 years ago has been maintaining a secular state in a multi-religious society. In short, respecting the rights of India's vasty outnumbered Muslim minority.

Prepare for UN Reform

President-elect Bill Clinton talks boldly about expanding the United Nations' role in global crisis management. But, judging from this year's grim experiences in Bosnia, Cambodia and Somalia, the United Nations has already taken on more responsibilities than it can manage.

Other Comment

Rice as a Trade Indicator

France has threatened to veto any world trade accord that includes cuts on European farm subsidies agreed in the EC-U.S. deal clinched last month.

A Pause in the Peace Talks

It has become all too obvious that since Bill Clinton was elected president, the Middle East peace negotiations have foundered badly.

Disillusionment within the Arab camp is definitely one reason. A year that has included seven rounds of talks with the Israelis has produced little except frustration and disappointment.

Will Europeans Let The Chance Go By?

By Carl Gewirtz

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The People Have Messages for Thugs and Bonn

By Josef Joffe

MUNICH — Munich is justly famous for its Fasching and the Oktoberfest, festivities that celebrate the city's enormous capacity for making and drinking beer.

citizens show up to say "so," then cowardice will tell. And that's O.K. Politics is not psychiatry, and whatever the "root causes," the issue is more simple than the priests of sociobabble pretend.

Munich '92 is not Munich '23, and Bonn is not Weimar.

Rostock last summer, all of us were taken by surprise, and so we might forgive you for having reacted like the Keystone Kops. Today, some thousands of incidents later, you no longer have an excuse.

The moral of the story (so far, at least) is as illuminating as those 350,000 lights of Oktoberfest. Munich '92 is not Munich '23, and Bonn is not Weimar.

Mideast: The Text of Peace Needs a Careful Reading

By Gideon Rafael

JERUSALEM — Arab and Israeli representatives are in Washington for their seventh round of peace negotiations since the Madrid conference more than a year ago.

242 does not apply to the West Bank, Gaza and the Golan Heights. Both interpretations are incompatible with the text and intentions of its authors.

founding. The presentation of Arab-Israeli peace treaties to the UN register of treaties would be their most fitting and cherished tribute.

Somalia: The Blind Rush In

By Anna Simons



LOS ANGELES — As the troops and the network anchorman head for Somalia, I have this feeling that we Americans don't know what we're getting into.

At the other end of the expert spectrum are those who claim knowledge of foreign policy and Africa and are spouting things like "Elders ruled Somalia peacefully for centuries."

But this makes it far too easy for Americans at the State Department, in the Pentagon and elsewhere in government to dismiss the full range of Somali viewpoints.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1892: All but the Paupers

PARIS — The Herald says in an editorial: Our enterprising contemporary The Matin is rather "Irish" in accusing Americans of "Europhobia."

1917: A Lone Dissenter

WASHINGTON — The declaration of war on Austria-Hungary signed by President Wilson yesterday (Dec. 8) was passed by the House of Representatives by 363 to 1.

1942: Council Is Doused

NEW YORK — [From our New York edition:] The City Council, rejecting a recommendation of its defense committee, voted yesterday (Dec. 8) to retain strump pumps or similar devices as compulsory equipment under the war-time fire-prevention act.

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OPINION

In Balkan Separations, a Lesson for 'Lucky America'

By A. M. Rosenthal

NEW YORK — In Bosnia and Serbia, it all seemed clear that the killing and the terror came out of old, ugly Balkan history and hatred. Except for the human duty to try to save Bosnia's Muslim lives, none of it could possibly have any meaning or connection to America.

There was a time when Americans said that without any ironic implication. Whenever our parents came from, whatever language we spoke at home, we reached for a common overriding identity.

The whole idea of "multiculturalism" as used now bores me? And why did it come to mind, a shadow, when I joined the note about "lucky Americans," so God-blessed to be far away from European feuds and killings?

"Lucky Americans": Unless they learn a little about how the past can become the present, nothing guarantees they will be lucky forever.

Only I Could Hear His Agony

By Ella Rutledge

ASAKA, Japan — I live on a street three meters wide where most of the houses crowd down to the edge of the road. Since on-street parking is out of the question, my neighbors park in whatever space they can contrive out of minuscule dooryards, or rent a space in a nearby vacant lot.

When completed it will stretch, like cross-threads in a gigantic spiderweb, for 85 kilometers around the outer fringes of the capital, here furrowed into the earth, there elevated overhead, ranging in width as it passes through Saitama from 40 to 60-plus meters.

MEANWHILE

tion, and immediately beside it bright green carrot tops sprout from a patch of rich dark loam. As a result of its proximity to Tokyo and the latter's unrelenting advance into the countryside, Asaka's population (now more than 100,000) has more than tripled since 1935.

Asaka is no city in the conventional sense, with orderly rows of townhouses and high-rise office buildings. Located just over the border from Tokyo in Saitama Prefecture, at the extreme southeastern edge of the Musashino Plateau, it is a hybrid between its former agricultural self, an industrial zone and a bedroom community for Tokyo.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Limits of Intervention

William Safire, in "On the New Sovereignty: Scripting Bush's Farewell" (Opinion, Dec. 7), makes a praiseworthy case for the "right to intervene" to protect lives and freedom. Unfortunately, this humanitarian impulse is cloaked in troubling euphemisms that may in the long run produce perverse and even tragic results: "police action," "American riding massive shotgun," "responsible powers" versus "impenetrable sovereignty" — all this is coded language for the age-old game of those with power having their way with those without.

via for 50 years and who still did not admit to understanding, let alone speaking, Latvian. While hard-working Latvians waited in bread lines, privileged, well-connected Russians lived in beautiful beach houses. It is hard to see why such people should automatically become citizens of Latvia.

Korean War) found pro-Western forces confronting pro-Communist forces soon after World War II, and it devastated a country which had yet to recover from German occupation. The consequences on the economy, demography and society are still tangible.

in Kirkenes, Norway. The center will grant six scholarships to artists from Russia and six to Norwegian artists for a period of three months on a rotating basis. Each artist will be provided a free studio and living accommodations and a grant of about \$1,500 per month. The work done at the center will be exhibited in Russia and in Norway. The center is partially funded by Total, the French oil company.

mer. Snowballs won't be a problem in July, but I do cross my fingers. What else will get me in trouble? Does anyone know where I can get a list of "Things Not to Do in America" so I can survive this trip?

The Banality of Evil

It would be a more comprehensible world if the distorted acts of Borislav Herak, the 21-year-old Serb charged with "ethnic cleansing" killings in Bosnia, and others like him were susceptible to being captured in a photograph (Nov. 28). We all feel the desire to equate monstrous behavior with someone who is actually a monster. But as your story describes Mr. Herak, he is a rather common man — except for his warped behavior. One of the servers at Adolf Eichmann's trial in Jerusalem described him as a rather ordinary clerk performing his job.

Like Mr. Aksyonov, I had the opportunity to visit those beaches near Riga last summer. I was there to realize my parents' nearby house, which had been confiscated by the Soviet occupiers and was now being returned by the Latvian government to its rightful heirs.

Not Peace but a Gun
George Bush congratulates himself on having made the world a safer place "for our kids," as the threat of nuclear war has receded. But in view of the increase in guns being carried to schools, for many children, the world is less safe.

Regarding "A Time for Planning" (Letters, Nov. 13): I was saddened by the suggestion that the American dream has ended and that this is just as well. I should like to say that most good plans come from visions, and more often than not those visions come from dreams.

Et Tu Croatia?

Probably the greatest disappointment of the Balkan conflict is Croatia's failure to support the Muslims and the Bosnian government. The survival of both Bosnia and Croatia depends on each country's full and unconditional cooperation. The Muslims and the Bosnian government made mistakes, but nothing they did calls for such treatment or abandonment by the Croats. Aren't Croats concerned with what the world and history will say about their actions (or inaction), or about how indefensible Croatia would be with Bosnia in Serbian hands?

It is not easy for Russians, with a homeland as huge as theirs, to understand that the native population of a small country like Latvia risks its existence if outnumbered.

Regarding "At Sea, Safety for All" (Letters, Dec. 3) by Eric Scott: Mr. Scott apparently did not understand what must have happened to Mike Plant when the last penny bolt that kept his ballast bulb in place and his boat upright sheared through, his yacht might have flipped over so fast that he was knocked unconscious and drowned. As simple as that.

Regarding "Reviving Russian Art" (Letters, Nov. 19) by Stuart M. Gibson: On Jan. 1, the Norwegian-Russian Art Center will be established

Russia and Latvia

Regarding "Fragile Wings Over a Latvia Beach" (Meanwhile, Dec. 1): Vassily Aksyonov writes of his trip to Riga and one of the Baltic's vacation towns. I too was in Latvia and visited that town last summer. While in Latvia, I met Russians who had lived and worked in Lat-

Regarding the editorial "Serious About Serbs" (Nov. 19): The editorial says Greece is largely to blame for the failure of economic sanctions against Serbia. It goes on to say, "Greece is a NATO member that has profited greatly, and stands to continue to profit, from association with the West." We should not forget Greece's enormous contribution during the Cold War. A civil war (Europe's early equivalent to the

Helping Russian Artists

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Dark Horse Shakes Up Seoul's Equation

The No. 3 In the Polls Aids No. 2

By David E. Sanger
New York Times Service
SEOUL — The last time South Korea's most famous dissident and opposition leader, Kim Dae Jung, ran for president, a million and a half Koreans poured into a plaza for one of his famed rallies...



Chung Ju Yung at a rally Tuesday in Seoul in support of his candidacy. He could be the spoiler.

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For the last few days, offices at Hyundai have been raided by the police in an effort to prove that the company is evading taxes and buying votes. Both Mr. Chung's party and Kim Dae Jung's group charge that the governing party is running a campaign of harassment against Hyundai.

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New 'Clue' Emerges on Demjanjuk

By Ralph Blumenthal
New York Times Service
NEW YORK — Despite denials and contradictory testimony in Israel's case against John Demjanjuk for Nazi war crimes, a new clue that supports allegations that he served at the Treblinka death camp has been found in a 10-year-old letter.

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A Crisis of Authority in India

Secularism Challenged By Hindus

By Edward A. Gargan
New York Times Service

NEWS ANALYSIS

Hindu fundamentalism and the weakness of India's government, posing a fundamental challenge to the nation's constitution. For more than three years, Hindu revivalist groups have focused their attention on the Ayodhya mosque, which was built in the 16th century on the spot where Hindus believe the god Ram was born 5,000 years ago.



A masked Muslim protester in Zidhaka, Bangladesh, urging a "holy war" against India after Hindus razed a mosque.

For the government, led by Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao, the plan by the Hindu party to build a temple on the site presented a direct challenge to the government's responsibility to uphold the constitution, including its mandate to protect the nation's secular character. For several months, Mr. Rao held talks with Hindu groups and sought conciliation. But after failing to reach a middle road that accommodated the Hindu fundamentalists and preserved the mosque, he directed the Supreme Court to prohibit any damage to the mosque or any work on the temple. But he took no measures to protect the mosque.

stani states, there have been recurring riots between India's Hindu and Muslim communities — riots that have taken thousands of lives. And while throughout northern India it is difficult to find, in a religious sense, totally homogenous villages, the day-to-day tranquility one sees in these communities does mask suspicions and animosities. The major Hindu political party, the Bharatiya Janata Party, has effectively played on these prejudices and the starry expectations of a Ram Rajya, and has masterfully exploited the issue of the Ayodhya mosque. In 1990, after a march to Ayodhya led by the Bharatiya leader, Lal Krishna Advani, was forcefully stopped by the government and attempts to begin work on the temple were broken up — leaving perhaps a dozen Hindu militants dead — the government of Vishwanath Pratap Singh collapsed.

Findings Dispute U.S. on Low-Dose Radiation

By Matthew L. Wald
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — The first independent study of the health records of 35,000 workers at the government bomb plant in Hanford, Washington, presents a new and more sinister picture of the risks of small doses of radiation. This finding, by a pioneer in radiation epidemiology, Dr. Alice Stewart, follows her 14-year struggle to gain access to the health data. For decades, the federal government had limited access to scientists of its choosing, who have generally concluded that the radiation exposure had done little harm.

With the opportunity to, in effect, complete her work after 16 years, Dr. Stewart is once again challenging conventional scientific wisdom. Her new study draws these additional conclusions that contradict current thinking: • Even small doses of radiation are four to eight times more likely to cause cancer than previously believed. • People are far more vulnerable to radiation-induced cancer if the exposure comes later in life. Other scientists now believe that age is not a factor. • Radiation delivered in small doses over time may carry a higher risk of cancer than radiation delivered in a single dose. The current consensus is that small doses of the most common form of radiation are less damaging because the body has time to repair itself. The study, covering the period from 1944 to 1986, has not yet appeared in print. Although researchers said they could not comment in detail before they had read the study, some said they were skeptical.

Teaching Youth About Gays: A New York Schism

By Mary Jordan
Washington Post Service

NEW YORK — Neil Lodato, a construction worker in Queens, was waving his arms and shouting outside his daughter's school, Public School 13. "They should stick to teaching these babies that 1 plus 1 equals 2, instead of what daddy and his boyfriend are doing in the bedroom."

majority modified Mr. Fernandez's recommendation so that the instruction would not begin until the fifth or sixth grade. Mr. Fernandez said that the earlier students learn about "alternative lifestyles" — and if they do so in an appropriate way — the less likely they are to grow up with harmful biases. But he gave school boards the option of introducing the curriculum at any time between the first and sixth grades. When the District 24 school board refused to compromise, Mr. Fernandez's last week took the drastic action of suspending it. As he announced his dramatic action, Mr. Fernandez accused the nine-member board of leading a "malicious and highly organized campaign" to distort the curriculum and alarm parents.

Mary A. Cummins, a grandmother who has stood on top of a truck leading a huge protest outside Mr. Fernandez's office, is showing no sign of quitting her crusade. "He may have won the battle, but the war has just begun," she said.

Former New Jersey Governor Dies

New York Times Service

Richard J. Hughes, 83, who reigned as New Jersey's education system governor and then offered a direction for the national No-nuclear debate after becoming state's chief justice, died Monday of heart failure in Boca Raton, Fla.

headed handed down a landmark decision that allowed the parents of Karen Ann Quinlan to remove their comatose daughter from a respirator. Mr. Hughes was born in Florence, a few miles south of Trenton. His father, Richard P. Hughes, was the mayor of Burlington, a state civil service commissioner and the warden of Trenton State Prison. Mr. Hughes graduated from St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia and the New Jersey Law School, now a part of Rutgers University. From a job as an assistant U.S. attorney for New Jersey, he moved to Mercer County Court and later to Superior Court, where he headed

a study that led to revisions in the state's system for dealing with juvenile offenders. In 1957 he was appointed to the Appellate Division of Superior Court. Nureddin Atassi, 63, the Syrian president deposed and imprisoned for 22 years by Hafez Assad, died of cancer of the esophagus Thursday in Paris. He was president from 1966 until 1970, when he was toppled in a bloodless coup. James C. Finlay, 70, a Jesuit priest who was president of Fordham University from 1972 until his retirement in 1984, died of a heart attack Saturday.

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Somalia

CONFRONTING THE WARLORDS: 'The people of Somalia are fed up with fighting'

For Youngest Famine Survivors, How Much Can Be Done?

Lethal Somali Mix: Ancient Clan Feuds

By Jane Perlez

New York Times Service

MOGADISHU, Somalia — A year ago, 5-year-old Mohammed Abukar lay on his back in a decrepit hospital yard, his right leg newly amputated after a shell blast in the war that killed his family.

With only his grandmother to look after him and a famine looming, the prospects of survival were dim for the bright, brown-eyed boy with an engaging smile.

Last year he lay outdoors in the heat, swatting flies with a piece of cardboard. On Monday, the anniversary of his operation, a smiling Mohammed loped around with his friends, helped by a steel crutch clamped to his arm.

But children Mohammed's age and younger are rare in Somalia today. Famines always take the youngest first, and in the last year, this famine has killed one in four Somali children under the age of 5, according to the French relief organization Doctors Without Borders.

And when a relief operation led by U.S. troops arrives this week, they will find even bleaker conditions in rural areas, as well as doubts about how much good can be done after months of devastation.

"Somalia has lost part of a generation," said Sam Toussie, an epidemiologist with the International Medical Corps who has worked in Somalia for more than a year.

In the camps for the displaced in Baidoa, a bush town 250 kilometers (150 miles) west of Mogadishu, as many as 70 percent of children under 5 have died since May. So few were spared that the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta found it impossible to conduct a reliable assessment of the nutritional condition of the remaining children.

"Only 8.9 percent of the surveyed population was under 5 years old compared to 20 to 25 percent for most developing country populations," said a report issued by the centers, a U.S. government agency, after a visit to Baidoa in November.

Baidoa will be one of the centers for the United Nations operation led by American troops, but the studies and the absence of babies and children in the streets and camps and fields are leading some Somalis to say the Americans are coming too late.

In the ravaged rural areas, the aid operation will be critical in helping families grow healthy enough to return to their land in time for the next crop cycle, Dr. Toussie said. If farmers were ready for planting next May, their livelihoods would improve, but self-sufficiency would bring on a problem of another kind.

During a famine, women's fertility drops to almost zero, Dr. Toussie said. But if conditions improve sufficiently, Somali women who in normal times tend to have as many as eight or nine children would start to give birth again, he said. The number of young children would suddenly expand, creating a new crisis.

"Then you get an imbalance in the population because of a very high number of small children after a famine," he said.

"You have a large pool of young children under a year who will need more immunizations. In an underdeveloped country like this one they become especially vulnerable to disease, measles, for example, because the poor medical services can't cope with the volume."

Sail, Dr. Toussie's prognosis for the surviving children was hopeful. "Lots of studies will be done on the psychological effects of war and famine on the surviving children," he said. "In fact, they are amazingly resilient."

In Mogadishu, many of the surviving children appear healthy. Like Mohammed, many have full cheeks and plenty of energy. But this gives only a partial picture, health experts say, because many children died months ago when the food shortage became acute after the war that lasted from November to February.

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General Aidid, for example, and his chief rival, Mohammed Ali Mahdi, the interim president, are both members of the Hawiye clan, but they belong to different subclans. The personal power duel between those two men resulted in a brutal artillery war that left thousands of people dead and most of this once gracious seaside capital in ruins.

Somalis are also divided between the traditional camel, sheep and cattle herders — the pastoralists — who wander the region in search of watering holes, and the agriculturalists, the farmers who have settled in one spot to grow food.

The clans and subclans have always feuded. But clan friction was heightened when General Mohammed Siad Barre seized power and began to use the clan divisions to perpetuate his hold on power.

"He started playing one tribe against the other," said Mr. Hassan, who served in General Barre's cabinet as interior minister. "There were historically clan rivalries, but these were exacerbated by Siad Barre's divide-and-rule tactics."

How to reconcile the clans poses thorny problems for all those involved with trying to help end Somalia's suffering.

Some Somalis believe the United Nations made a tragic mistake by trying to work with local clan elders in the search for a political settlement. Critics, like Mr. Hassan and Ali Shido Abdil, a former Somali ambassador to France and Saudi Arabia, believe that working through clan elders only accentuates the clan divisions, and that UN mediators would have been better off identifying "national" leaders, intellectuals, academics and businessmen with less clan identification.

Most educated Somalis believe the crisis here will only be solved through some kind of a future "power-sharing" arrangement in which all four major clans will be represented in a coalition government, with the presidency rotating among the four groups.



Somali children waiting for food to be distributed at an International Red Cross feeding center at Hodur, near the border with Ethiopia.

The Logistics: U.S. Starts From Scratch

SOMALIA: Airport Secured

By Michael R. Gordon

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Though the U.S. force heading to Somalia is far smaller than the one that fought in the Gulf, the logistics of a military operation in the Horn of Africa are in many ways far more difficult, military officials say.

The logistics, as well as questions about Somalia's long-term future, help explain why the Pentagon has dismissed White House assertions that the operation, which is to begin on Wednesday, could end before President-elect Bill Clinton takes office.

In the Gulf, Saudi Arabia provided fuel, trucks, and much of the food for the half-million coalition troops. And Saudi Arabia has the finest network of modern airfields and ports that petrodollars can buy.

The intervention in Somalia, however, is a self-contained operation. The 28,000 American troops have to bring in everything they need, from electrical generators to refrigeration equipment to water to road-repair supplies. The ports and airfields are small and run down.

Thus the deployment to Somalia will trickle slowly, a gushing stream forced into a small funnel.

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General Aidid, for example, and his chief rival, Mohammed Ali Mahdi, the interim president, are both members of the Hawiye clan, but they belong to different subclans. The personal power duel between those two men resulted in a brutal artillery war that left thousands of people dead and most of this once gracious seaside capital in ruins.

Somalis are also divided between the traditional camel, sheep and cattle herders — the pastoralists — who wander the region in search of watering holes, and the agriculturalists, the farmers who have settled in one spot to grow food.

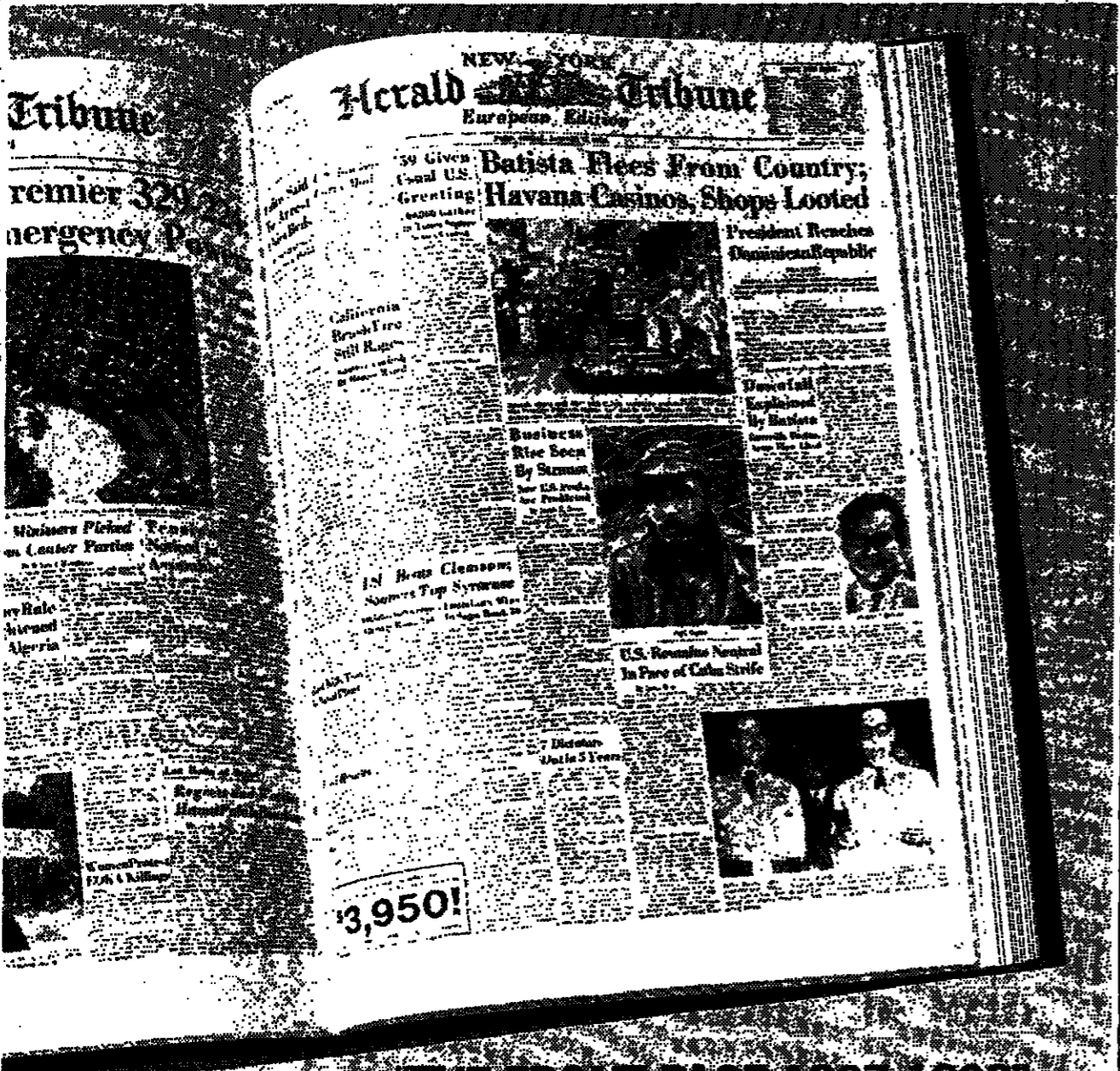
The clans and subclans have always feuded. But clan friction was heightened when General Mohammed Siad Barre seized power and began to use the clan divisions to perpetuate his hold on power.

"He started playing one tribe against the other," said Mr. Hassan, who served in General Barre's cabinet as interior minister. "There were historically clan rivalries, but these were exacerbated by Siad Barre's divide-and-rule tactics."

How to reconcile the clans poses thorny problems for all those involved with trying to help end Somalia's suffering.

Some Somalis believe the United Nations made a tragic mistake by trying to work with local clan elders in the search for a political settlement. Critics, like Mr. Hassan and Ali Shido Abdil, a former Somali ambassador to France and Saudi Arabia, believe that working through clan elders only accentuates the clan divisions, and that UN mediators would have been better off identifying "national" leaders, intellectuals, academics and businessmen with less clan identification.

Most educated Somalis believe the crisis here will only be solved through some kind of a future "power-sharing" arrangement in which all four major clans will be represented in a coalition government, with the presidency rotating among the four groups.



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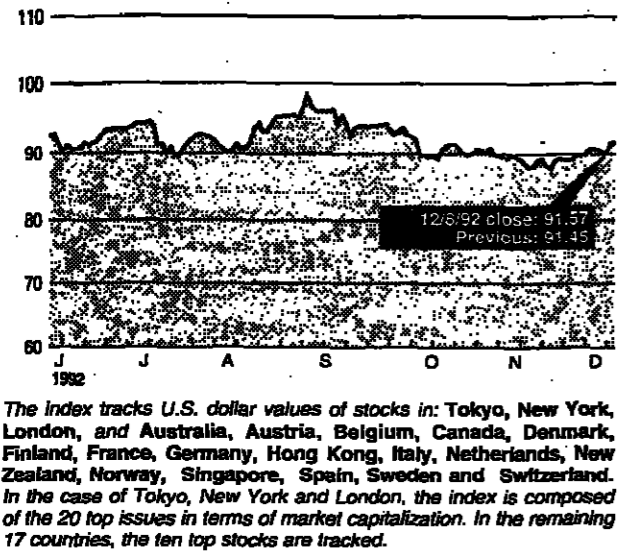
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Crédit Lyonnais Alleges Fraud

CULVER CITY, California — Crédit Lyonnais said Tuesday it had sued Kirk Kerkorian and other former executives of MGM-UA Communications Co. for at least \$1.25 billion, claiming they deceived it about the studio's financial status when the bank funded most of its acquisition in 1990.

Asked about the charges, one of Mr. Kerkorian's lawyers, Patricia L. Glaser, replied, "Comment one, hogwash!" After Mr. Parretti took control, film production slowed to a trickle, and the studio lost money with a string of films that generated little interest, with the notable exception of "Thelma and Louise."

Japan's Chip Barriers Stand U.S. Makers' Market Share Stagnates at 16%

WASHINGTON — A report next week on chip sales in Japan is expected to show the U.S. share of the market has been static, despite Tokyo's pledge to increase it, a spokesman for a major U.S. semiconductor maker said on Tuesday.

Japan agreed last year to open its tightly protected semiconductor market so that by the end of 1992, 20 percent of its industry needs would be met by foreign makers. But there has been little progress, a similar market-opening pact was signed in 1986.

Analyst Expects Big Shift at IBM

NEW YORK — International Business Machines Corp. is expected to announce further restructuring charges and "sweeping changes" this month that may alter its equity ownership structure, an industry analyst at Merrill Lynch & Co. said Tuesday.

The analyst, Daniel Mandresh, wrote in a research report: "We believe that IBM finds itself in a position where it must incur sizable additional charges before year-end." In the past six years, IBM has taken restructuring charges on five occasions.

U.S. Executives More Optimistic For '93 Growth

Boeing and Union Resume Pay Talks

NEW YORK — More U.S. purchasing executives are optimistic about prospects for the economy today than for nine years, although expectations for growth and employment are modest, the National Association of Purchasing Management said Tuesday.

Despite the optimism, the executives were less rosy about the job outlook, with only one in four saying they expected their companies' payrolls to expand in 1993. The group's report was based on a survey of purchasing managers at more than 300 industrial companies.

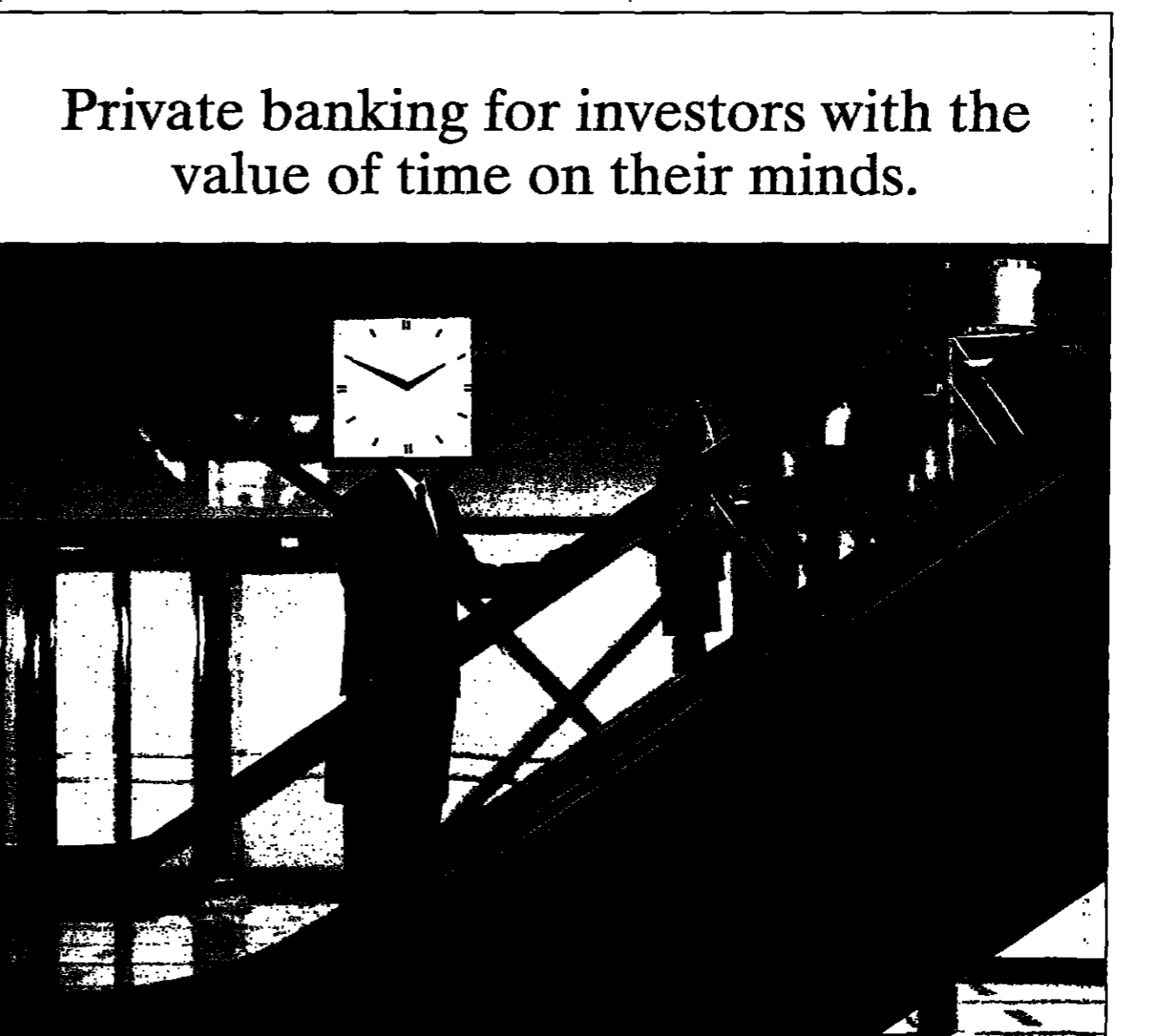
MEDIA MARKETS

For Fast-Growing Agency, Growth Isn't Fast Enough

By Stuart Elliott, New York Times Service. NEW YORK — More than a year after two of New York's more promising young ad agencies merged, the new shop they formed is proving that sometimes one plus one can equal three. But in an intensely competitive environment, in which one plus one needs to equal five or six, that ambitious goal is still tantalizingly elusive.

Deutsche Bank's Currency Warning

By Brandon Mitchener, International Herald Tribune. FRANKFURT — As Bonn officials prepared for this weekend's summit meeting of European Community leaders, Germany's biggest bank, Deutsche Bank AG, on Tuesday warned of "dangerous consequences" for the local economy if costly turmoil in European financial markets cannot be checked.



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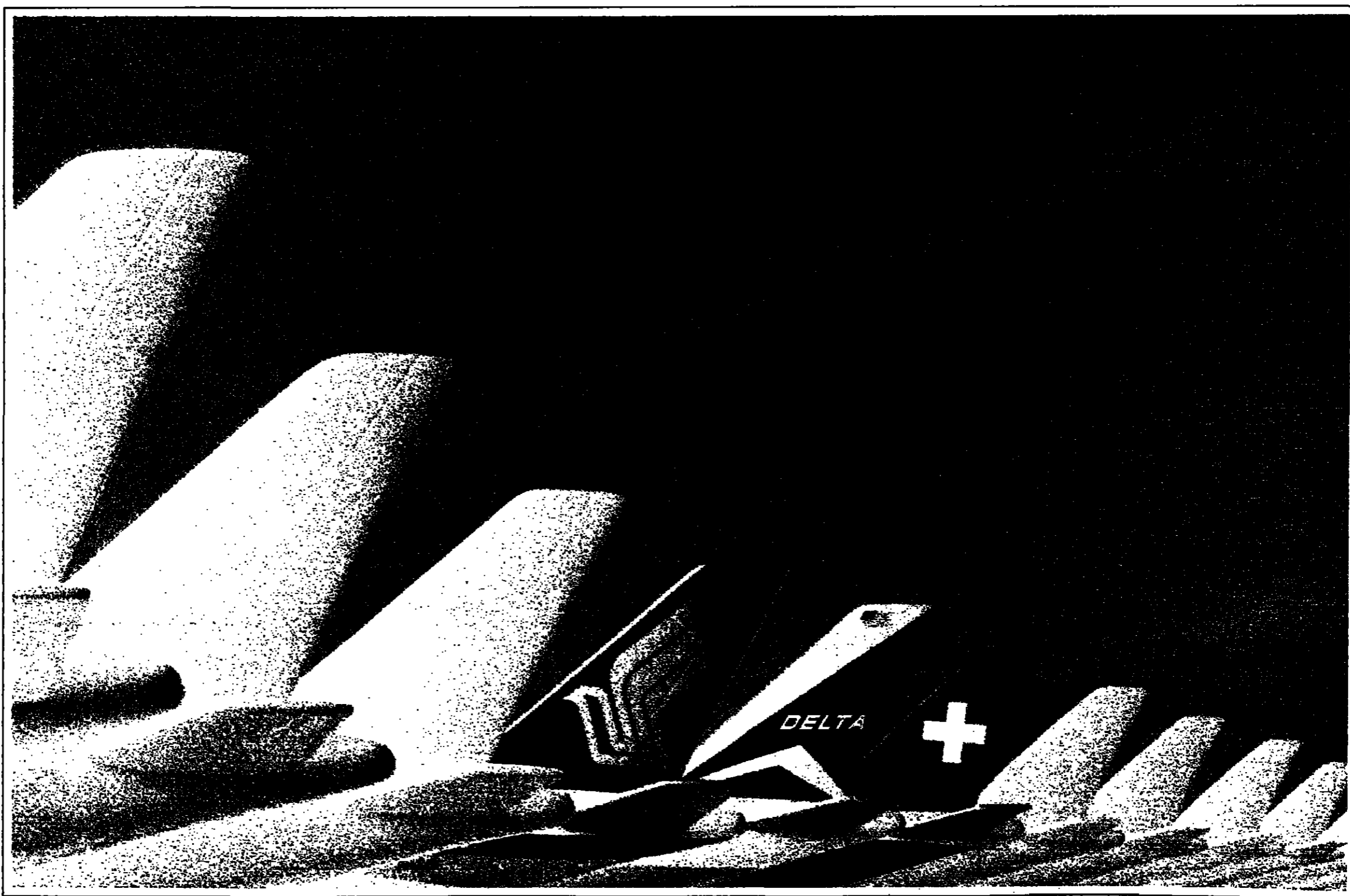
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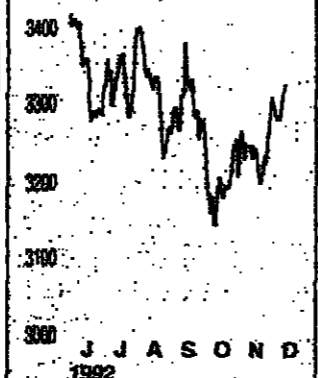
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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON — Oil prices resumed their recent slide Tuesday after a UN weapons inspector said Iraq had indicated willingness to cooperate on providing details of the supply network for its nuclear program.

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Table of world stock markets including sections for Amsterdam, Brussels, Frankfurt, London, Paris, Sao Paulo, Singapore, Zurich, and Tokyo. Each section lists various stocks and their prices.

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Despite the economic optimism, retail stocks fell after the latest Johnson Redbook Service survey said retail sales at 81 stores were down 2.2 percent in the first week of December. Kmart Corp. declined 1/2 to 26 1/2. May Department Stores Co. fell 1/4 to 70 1/4 and Dillard Department Stores Inc. slid 1/4 to 49 1/4.

There's a high level of optimism tied to the economy and the stock market right now," said James Solloway, research director at Argus Research. "The optimism needs to be shaken out before the stock market can go much higher."

Home Shopping Network surged 1 1/2 to 7 following an announcement Monday by Liberty Media Corp. that it plans to acquire a controlling stake in Home Shopping for \$60 million.

General Motors Corp. gained 1/4 to 34 1/4. A 20 million share offering of GM preference shares is expected to be priced at \$25 a share with a dividend yield of 9 1/4 percent, according to Lehman Brothers, the leading underwriter. The sale is expected next week.

It's cut the legs off the rally in the dollar." Meanwhile, some investors have concluded that the Bundesbank council is not likely to cut rates at this Thursday's council meeting, traders said. "There's been a 180-degree switch in sentiment," said Mr. Farrell. "Two weeks ago, the market would have been disappointed if the Bundesbank didn't ease; now it will be relieved if the Bundesbank doesn't tighten."

Even so, some investors have not given up all hope for a cut in German rates, because pressure is still building on the ERM, the system that links the rates of eight European currencies, traders said.

"Really, the main focus of attention has been the mark-French cross rate," said Guy Standing, assistant vice president at Credit Lyonnais. Although the German central bank recently has intervened along with the Bank of France to prop up the sagging franc, the purchases have been relatively small, traders said. If Germany wants to preserve the ERM, it will have to cut rates or buy more francs, they said.

The mark may also be benefiting from buying that other European central banks must do to repay the German central bank for interventions earlier this fall, traders said.

That factor's still in play today," said Paul Farrell, chief dealer at Chase Manhattan Bank. "And

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Smaller Is Better for Brittan He Wants the EC to Review More Mergers

BRUSSELS — Sir Leon Brittan, the European Community's competition commissioner, said Tuesday the Commission's merger regulations forbade it to review some mergers with EC dimensions because the companies involved had sales below minimum thresholds for scrutiny.

In the text of a speech released after delivery at the Center for European Policy Studies on Monday, Sir Leon said he was studying how to change the rules in a review to be completed by the end of next year.

"The thresholds are at present too high to fully reflect their underlying purpose. Almost all the concentrations that fall immediately below the thresholds in fact have significant effects in an area wider than a single member state," he said.

Under EC merger rules, the commission has sole responsibility to investigate takeovers and mergers that result in a company with annual sales of 5 billion European currency units (\$6.25 billion) and where each company involved in the deal has sales of more than 250 million Ecu a year within the Community.

Sir Leon did not suggest specific new thresholds.

Air France recently protested to Sir Leon after the commission decided not to investigate the takeover of the Dan-Air airline by British Airways PLC on the grounds that Dan-Air's sales were less than 250 million Ecu and there was no other reason to investigate the matter.

Duisenberg Is Chief of EC Bankers Sugar Reaches Out To Amstrad Holders

BASEL — European Community central-bank governors on Tuesday elected Willem Duisenberg, head of the Dutch central bank, as chairman of the governors' committee, often seen as the embryo of a future EC central bank.

Mr. Duisenberg was named to replace Denmark's Erik Hoffmeyer in 1993. He had been appointed in a stop-gap role last year to serve out the term of the then Bundesbank president, Karl Otto Pöhl, after his resignation.

The governors' committee has grown in power and influence since the first stage of the Community's planned progress toward Economic and Monetary Union in 1990.

EC governments have given the committee power to coordinate some policy matters. For example, it can offer opinions on the monetary and exchange-rate policy of member states and convey these to members and finance ministers.

It is envisaged that the committee should later take on the role of an EC central bank in the second stage of full Economic and Monetary Union, due to occur in 1997 at the earliest and in 1999 at the latest.

Mr. Duisenberg, a 57-year-old Social Democrat, is a late convert to the idea of government budgetary restraint, which will be one of the main criteria for allowing EC members to join in an eventual single currency.

He served as finance minister from 1973 to 1977 in a socialist-led Dutch government.

PARIS — The Business Software Alliance, an international association of software companies, said Tuesday it would begin legal action this week against 37 European companies that illegally copied commercial software.

"At one company, almost two-thirds of the software in use is unauthorized copies," said Bernard Cazelle, a spokesman for the alliance.

The group said it would take legal action against companies in nine countries, including Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Denmark, Belgium and Portugal, and plans to disclose the names of the companies involved on Wednesday.

Investor's Europe

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Frankfurt FAZ		696.40	692.52	-1.02
Helsinki HEX		881.68	889.95	+1.35
London Financial Times 30		2,091.20	2,084.10	+0.34
London FTSE 100		2,769.80	2,754.50	+0.56
Madrid General Index		Closed	211.90	
Milan MIB		Closed	850.00	
Paris CAC 40		1,765.88	1,788.61	-1.27
Stockholm Affärsveckoden		989.07	980.56	+1.89
Vienna Stock Index		Closed	347.34	
Zurich SSS		648.40	647.30	+0.32

Very briefly:

- Ford Motor Co. said it would raise prices on some Fiesta, Escort, Orion and Granada models, and all commercial vehicles, in Britain by 4.5 to 10 percent because of the devaluation of the pound.
- British Gas PLC said it had cut investment by more than £500 million (\$790 million) this year because of concern about the outcome of a review of some of its businesses by Britain's monopolies panel.
- Rhône-Poulenc Rorer said it and Boehringer Ingelheim, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Ciba-Geigy, Hoechst/Roussel and Parke-Davis will invest in a 370 million franc (\$69 million) pharmaceutical venture in Algeria.
- Volvo's car division said it was doubling the payment credit period that Swedish suppliers must offer to 60 days from 30 days, a move that should save the company 40 million kroner (\$6 million) a year.
- Volvo Flygmotor AB, which makes aircraft engines, said it gave layoff notices to 200 factory workers and 60 administrative employees.
- Eastern Germany netted a 20 million DM (\$13 million) investment from Boris Becker when Mercedes-Benz said the tennis player was investing in a Mercedes garage in Stralsund on the Baltic Sea.
- FilmNet, a European cable TV group controlled by the Swiss group Richemont AG, South Africa's Electronic Media Network and Sweden's Essette AB, said it had ordered up to 300,000 Cable Crypt decoders from Philips Electronics NV.

Carlton Profit Helped by Video Sales

LONDON — The film, video and television-products concern Carlton Communications PLC said Tuesday that pretax profit rose 15 percent to £102.3 million (\$161.8 million) in the year ended Sept. 30, while revenue climbed 17 percent to £702 million.

The results were in line with predictions by most analysts.

The company raised its dividend by 10 percent to 17 pence, the tenth year in a row that it has increased the payout.

Carlton, the owner of Technicolor, said the top performer was its video and audio production and distribution division, where pretax profit jumped by 50 percent to £46.6 million.

Its television and film-services division, where profit is mostly dollar-denominated, was hurt by a weaker sterling exchange rate. Pretax profit fell 12 percent to £25.05 million.

EC Jobless Rate at a 4-Year High

BRUSSELS — Unemployment in the European Community rose in October to its highest level in more than four years, according to EC figures released Tuesday.

October's seasonally adjusted average rate of unemployment in the 12 Community countries was 9.6 percent, up from 9.7 percent in September and 9.8 percent in October 1991. The report, a monthly statement compiled by Eurostat, the EC statistics agency, said the jobless rate was at its highest since June 1988.

Eurostat said more than 14.6 million people were unemployed in October, an increase of 1.26 million since the same time last year.

The biggest year-on-year increase in absolute numbers was in Britain, where the number rose by 450,000 from October 1991, and Spain, where the figure rose by 390,000.

Unemployment among men rose 0.9 of a point during the last year, compared with a 0.6 point increase in female joblessness, Eurostat added.

Eurostat said the rise in the number of unemployed over the year was particularly accentuated in Britain, Spain and Eastern Germany, which together accounted for 1.04 million of the total increase.

Spain had the highest rate of unemployment in October at 18.8 percent, up 0.5 point from September, followed by Ireland, at 17.7 percent. The jobless rates in Britain, Italy and France came in at 10.9 percent, 10.7 percent and 10.4 percent respectively. Luxembourg stood at the low end, with 2.1 percent.

Britain and Ireland were the only countries in which the rate of unemployment fell between September and October, while it stood still in Italy, Belgium and Luxembourg.

DEUTSCHE: Bank Warns on Currency Turmoil

DEUTSCHE Bank AG said Tuesday that a sharp review of the German economy, which has led to a realistic plan for change in Eastern Germany and get a grip on government spending.

"It's about time Bonn provided clear — that means complete — medium-term plans for financing East German reconstruction and cutting the federal deficit," he said.

"This is the signal that the Bundesbank and financial markets are waiting for, and this is our contribution to the stability of European currencies and thereby European relations."

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creative director. "But it's more like it's going slowly and, I think, surely."

Mr. Whitten and Tom Carroll, president, say that the primary problem was not being able to win enough new-business pitches. "We need to do a better job of showing people how effective our advertising has been," Mr. Carroll said. "You get a year or so to get yourself situated," he added, "and now we've got to dial it up."

Swiss Not Eager For Vote on Trade

BERN — Still reeling from voters' rejection of a European free-trade pact, the Swiss government said Tuesday it would wait for the end of international trade talks before deciding whether to hold a referendum on the resulting treaty.

Swiss farmers have said they want to force a referendum on any deal to conclude the Uruguay Round of talks under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. A pact is expected to lead to cuts in subsidies to the country's heavily protected agricultural sector.

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Honda Bets Money That Chinese Will Get on Their Bikes

Blomberg Business News
TOKYO — Honda Motor Co. is rushing to firm its foothold in China's growing consumer market with its third motorcycle joint-venture deal with a Chinese partner this year, and second in a week.

The market is growing and our interest is growing too," said a spokesman, Yasuhiro Wada. The three joint ventures should allow Honda to boost its sales of locally produced motorcycles in China to 700,000 in two to three years from 440,000 this year, he said.

The interest appears to be shared by Japanese investors. Honda's stock rose 30 yen to 1,370 (\$10.96) on the news.

"It's a market waiting to explode," said Jonathan Dobson, an automobile industry analyst at Jardine Fleming Securities. "In terms of steady year-to-year growth, it's very promising."

Although Japanese businesses of all types have been encouraged by China's market-oriented reforms, Honda has been particularly active. Its tie-up with China's Tianjin-Zhongdang Motorcycle Co. came just four days after Honda unveiled a similar venture with China's Jiangling Machine Co. in Sichuan. In May, Honda and Guangzhou Motorcycle Co. signed a production and marketing agreement.

The newest venture, Tianjin Honda Motor Co., will have a capitalization of \$25.7 million, with Honda holding a 34 percent stake and Tianjin-Zhongdang the remainder.

Honda currently exports motorcycles and passenger cars to China. Through its efforts to increase business over the past 10 years, Honda should sell about 2.4 times as many motorcycles in China as its nearest rival, Suzuki Motor Co., Mr. Dobson said.

In addition, Honda's profits should benefit from lower labor costs and the eventual exports of Chinese-made motorcycles, he said.

Kumagai Is Rated Speculative

Agence France-Press

TOKYO — Moody's Investors Services Inc. on Tuesday assigned a speculative rating to the long-term debt of the Japanese contractor Kumagai Gumi Co., citing big exposures in overseas real estate markets, including Hong Kong.

The initial rating for Kumagai and its Delaware financing unit Punder Corp. is B1, the U.S. rating agency said. It affects \$1.8 billion in debt and reflects the company's aggressive expansion in Australia, the United States and Britain.

Kumagai Gumi is Japan's biggest contractor abroad but ranks only sixth at home, with revenue of around 1.3 trillion yen (\$11 billion) last year.

"Its projects in Hong Kong are also one of the factors which are reflected in the rating," said a Moody's analyst.

A consortium led by Kumagai's 33 percent-owned Hong Kong affiliate is scheduled to start work this month on a 1.6 billion Hong Kong dollar (\$200 million) bridge project, part of a new airport that is the subject of a growing dispute between London and Beijing.

Mr. Nagasaki said Kumagai's exposure to ailing property markets in Australia, the United States and Britain "are more significant than those in Hong Kong."

In a statement, Moody's cited "sizeable exposures" in those three countries as well as "substantial financial exposure to domestic real-estate development" and "the low liquidity of its assets."

Moody's noted that the company also had "substantial financial exposure as a contractor, finance provider and a guarantor to domestic developers which are under pressure in Japan's stagnant real-estate market."

Hong Kong Braves Debt Threat

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

HONG KONG — A threat by a U.S. credit-rating agency to downgrade Hong Kong's credit standing was unlikely to have an immediate impact, although it did underscore concern about the political dispute over the colony's future, bankers and businessmen said Tuesday.

"People have to take it seriously," said Gareth Chang, chairman of the local American Chamber of Commerce.

Standard & Poor's Corp. said Monday it had placed the government's single-A foreign-currency and single-A-plus long-term local-currency ratings on its credit watch list, with negative implications.

The government has little borrowing, but Standard & Poor's also took similar action on the identical ratings of the government-owned Mass Transit Railway Corp., Hong Kong's biggest public-sector borrower.

The agency said its decision reflected "the rapid deterioration of relations between Britain and China over the governance of Hong Kong during the past two months."

The government played down the credit announcement. "Hong Kong's economic fundamentals are firmly based with annual GDP growth running at about 5 percent," a government spokesman said. "This is closely linked to

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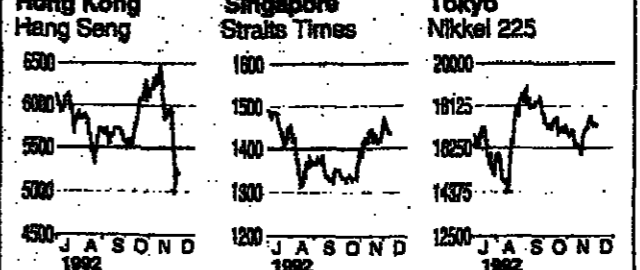


Table with columns: Exchange, Index, Tuesday Close, Prev. Close, % Change. Rows include Hong Kong, Singapore, Sydney, Tokyo, Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Seoul, Taipei, Manila, Jakarta, New Zealand, Bombay.

Very briefly:

- Chinese banks' new loans in the economic boom of 1992 will come to about 400 billion yuan (\$68.9 billion), and the flood of cash could spur inflation, according to the official newspaper Price Information News.
Singapore Airlines Engineering Co., a unit of the country's flag carrier, opened a second workshop in anticipation of a surge in demand for maintenance work for older aircraft.
Michael Carlisle will become Hong Kong's secretary for monetary affairs in mid-January, replacing David Nendick, and his title will change to secretary for financial services and economic analysis when the Hong Kong Monetary Authority is established.
Arnold Ltd.'s stock rose to 9.10 Australian dollars (\$6.30) a share, above the 8.80 dollar price of Campbell Soup Co.'s bid, despite Campbell's statement that it would not raise the offer.
The Madras Stock Exchange remained the only one open in India for a second day, its index falling 8.9 points to 1,320.96.
Hungary's foreign minister, Geza Jozseffy, visited Tokyo, urged Japan to invest more in his country, and Foreign Minister Michio Watanabe said Hungary should give Japanese companies treatment equal to that accorded EC companies, a Foreign Ministry official said.

Hyundai Affair Is Affecting Exports

Agence France-Press

SEOUL — South Korea's exports could decline in December for the first time in more than a decade because of the government crackdown on the Hyundai business group, Trade Ministry officials said Tuesday.

The Hyundai Group, with 41 affiliates, accounts for about 12 percent of South Korea's exports. The government is investigating alleged illegal funding by Hyundai of an opposition party created by Hyundai's chairman, Chung Ju Yung. The trade officials said the inquiry would probably result in the loss of \$400 million-worth of exports.

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SPORTS BASEBALL

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Baseball in Peril: A Game Between Haves, Have-Nots

By Bill Brubaker
WASHINGTON — The first manager of Florida's first major league baseball team, the Marlins, had just been introduced at a Miami news conference...

By Murray Chass
New York Times Service

Confrontation Over Baseball Looms Again

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky — By the slimmest of majorities, 15-13, the major league baseball owners have voted to reopen negotiations on the collective bargaining agreement...

Action Heats Up As Blue Jays Get Brewers' Molitor

The Associated Press
LOUISVILLE, Kentucky — The Boston Red Sox, seeking to add power to a punchless lineup, Tuesday acquired Ivan Calderon from the Montreal Expos...

There are some times when I analogize it to paying premium prices for a deck chair on the Titanic.

Carl Barger, president of the expansion Florida Marlins
considered his style too authoritarian. The sport's reputation has suffered with recent allegations that Marge Schott, the Cincinnati Reds' owner...



RICH JOKE — Henri Leconte could joke with a ball boy Tuesday during the first upset of the \$6 million Grand Slam Cup in Munich as he beat Wayne Ferreira, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.

SIDELINES

IOC Will Not Be Slumming in '94

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (Reuters) — Organizers of the 1994 Winter Games in Lillehammer said Tuesday they had turned down a request to house International Olympic Committee members...

For the Record

Humberto Gomez retained his WBC light flyweight championship with a 12-round unanimous decision over fellow Mexican Melchor Cob Castro in Inglewood, California.

Quotable

Konishi, the 580-pound Hawaiian who became a sumo wrestling star in Japan: "I break dance."

SCOREBOARD

HOCKEY

NHL Standings table with columns for team, W, L, T, Pts, GF, GA. Includes teams like Pittsburgh, Washington, New Jersey, etc.

FOOTBALL

NFL Standings table with columns for conference, team, W, L, T, Pts, PF, PA. Includes teams like Dallas, Green Bay, Denver, etc.

CRICKET

World Series: Australia vs. West Indies. Result: Australia won by 14 runs.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL: Detroit — Agreed to three-year contract with Lou Whitaker, second baseman and two-year contract with Bill Gutierrez, pitcher.

BASKETBALL

Major College Scores table with columns for team, score. Includes teams like Cent. Connecticut, Duquesne, etc.

BASEBALL

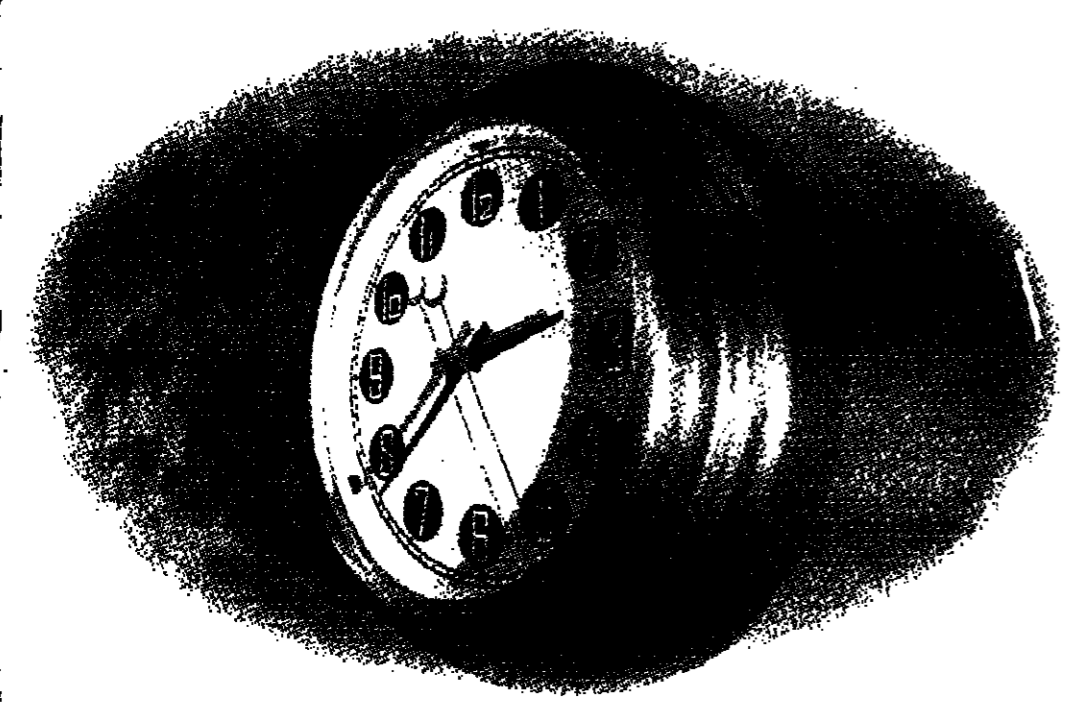
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66 Players Not Offered Arbitration

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky — Wade Boggs won't be going back to Boston and Andre Dawson won't be rejoining the Chicago Cubs. They were among 66 free agents who weren't offered salary arbitration...



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OBSERVER

Just Some Free Ideas

By Russell Baker

WASHINGTON — Here are four ideas for columns I am too timid to touch. They are offered free to all who enjoy receiving abusive mail:

1. A Little Respect for Lechery, Please: Accused of sexual harassment, Senator Bob Packwood, Republican of Oregon, says he has an alcohol problem. With this he seems to acknowledge the accusations but plead that alcoholism excuses them. This reflects medical science's success in persuading us that alcoholism is a disease, hence deserving of compassion.

When Packwood was a lad matters were entirely different. A politician forcing his attentions on women who didn't want them would not have been hailed as the norm in gentlemanly conduct, but neither would he have been at much political risk.

Confessing, however, that he was sometimes too drunk to control himself might well have finished his political career, even though he had been widely known as a boozier and re-elected in spite of it.

A public that historically had regarded drinking as sin could tolerate a sinner politician who behaved like everybody else by keeping quiet about his backsliding. Now that drinking is disease rather than sin, however, politicians ask public sympathy for sins, like making women, by declaring themselves alcoholics.

Question: Is medical science sure that lechery is not a disease? At present, perhaps because science simply hasn't bothered to look into it, lechery remains an old-fashioned sin. If it gained disease status, though, men in the Packwood predicament would no longer have to blame alcohol but could claim absolution with honest confession that they were "problem lechers."

2. All Depends on Whose Rage Is Gored: Last week, The Washington Post and The New York Times both dealt with trends in popular music. The Post reported on a "rap" recording in which the performer fantasizes about killing President Bush.

Picasso Show in Berlin

BERLIN — "Picasso: The Post-Guernica Period, 1937-73," with 90 paintings, 64 drawings and 13 sculptures, opened at the New National Gallery here Tuesday.

It is a product of the trend toward violent expression of "black rage," which is said to be legitimized by a long history of abusive discrimination against blacks. The record's release was accompanied by a statement from the American Civil Liberties Union saying its message constitutes free artistic expression under the First Amendment and cannot be legally construed as incitement to assassination.

The Times that day, in a piece on rising German Nazism, described "hate rock" being played on German stages. Sample lines:

The flamethrower is the only weapon With which I can triumph Exterminate the Gypsies Whether child, woman or man.

People old enough to remember that the real Nazis were nothing at all like the cute Nazis on "Hogan's Heroes" may feel a raging impulse to ask why the German government doesn't clamp down on this music and all who make it. But of course we don't want to clamp down on "black rage" rap — or do we? That would be censoring art, wouldn't it? That's what Hitler did.

3. Communication as Environmental Threat: Would millions care about starvation in Somalia if there were no television? Before the present age of total communication (television everywhere, the world in everybody's parlor), massive tribal catastrophes must have occurred, largely ignored by the world.

Before the era of total communication, the world must have evolved quite differently from the way it does now. Question: Does total communication distort natural social evolution just as dangerously as environmental abuses distort the world's natural biological evolution?

4. A Royal Madwoman: The British royal family's troubled marriages result from letting true royals marry people not trained in the hardships and philosophy required by the job.

They are unfit to be royals because, through inclination or lack of training, they cannot satisfy the first requirement of British royalty: unquestioning readiness to sacrifice the last vestige of one's humanity to advance an inhuman cause.

Should the crown need a successor to Princess Diana, one American has shown the necessary steel. Madonna is not only fit, she is tanned and, surely, she is ready.

New York Times Service

Freezing the Frame on Marguerite Duras

By Joan Dupont

PARIS — The scene is the Cinéma Athénée, where Marguerite Duras is being feted with a film retrospective and a newly published book on her cinema. Duras is watching herself on the screen in a replay of a recent TV interview. The Duras on screen is also watching herself on TV, in old interviews from the '60s. It is a very Durasian moment to see her inhabit three tenets at once.

Of course there is more than one Duras: The filmmaker is less famous than the novelist and more baffling to the general public; the 19 films screened recently at the Cinéma Athénée are rarely shown. "I haven't seen my films in 15 years," she said. "I've been coming every night and the young people come up to me to talk about the films. They have no trouble talking about them."

These practically silent slow-moving films, disjunctive image from sound, were adopted by a passionate few when they first appeared in the '60s, but never had a popular audience. Duras filmed in a new way, with long, almost inert traveling shots. In "Les Mains Négatives," one of her favorites, the camera sways through Paris at dawn, tracing African street sweepers and stanzas in the Tuileries like antique heroes, pitting the images against an incantatory voice-over, cryptic as a sacred text.

Her most famous film, the 1974 "India Song," made on a small budget in the Paris suburb of Saint Cloud — Duras doesn't believe you need an exotic location to set an exotic mood — is a meditation, abstract narrative made sensual with image and sound. Delphine Seyrig as Anne-Marie Stretter, wife of the French ambassador, the woman men lose their minds over, glides through a roomful of mirrors; Michael Lonsdale, the disgraced vice consul, stands still and screams — a terrifying sound off screen. The characters are sleepwalkers in evening dress, moving against a background of whispered voices evoking monsoon, misery and leprosy, and a heat, violent tang. Outside the ranges of other sufferings, scandals and injustices in her novels, she has written about her Chinese lover, about the kind of love that leads to madness and death — *crime passionnel*. Like Joyce Carol Oates, she goes far in her intuitive understanding of crime: She sides with the criminal.

At 78, the invincible and incorrigible Wife of Bath still wears an aura of sensuality and all her rings. She sits on the balcony of the Cinéma Athénée with her companion, Yann Andréa, tall, slender and younger.



Marguerite Duras, author and director: "All my films are political."

In Indochina, she saw poverty and injustice early. In Paris, she got a law degree, joined the Résistance and was active in the Communist Party. Her husband, the late Robert Antelme, was deported and brought back from Dachau by friends, François Mitterrand and Dionys Mascolo (whom she later married). She has told the terrible story of nursing Antelme back to life in "La Douleur," and stories of other sufferings, scandals and injustices in her novels; she has written about her Chinese lover, about the kind of love that leads to madness and death — *crime passionnel*. Like Joyce Carol Oates, she goes far in her intuitive understanding of crime: She sides with the criminal.

Andréa, author of a book (titled "M. D.") and actor in her films, has seen her through near fatal combats with alcoholism and emphysema. Since emerging from a five-month coma three years ago, she has shed layers of flesh, and now is shrunken down to the essential M. D., eternally young and subversive, a political, moral and sexual provocatrice who can be outrageously doctrinaire, tyrannical and touching in turn. During the screenings, she whispers to Andréa, murmuring her own voice-over. One of the films, "Agatha," they narrated together. Shot in four days at Trouville in Normandy in 1981, the year after they met, "Agatha" is about brother-sister incest; Duras also wrote about an incestuous relationship with her brother Paulo in "L'Amant de la Chine du Nord," published two years ago.

She describes herself as a "trafficker," borrowing from one form to nourish an-

other. She has plundered her books to make films, borrowed shots from one film to put in another and patched together leftover material for her theater. Relishing the bandit ring to the expression, she repeats it: "I traffic my books."

She says she started making her own films because she so disliked how her novels were handled, starting with René Clément's 1958 adaptation of "Barrage contre le Pacifique." "It was a zero," she says. "I didn't like what they did so I thought I'd try my own hand at it."

She may rework, transform and traffic with her own words but trespassers beware: She has it in for them all and has waged legendary battles with directors, producers and publishers. "I won't say anything about an old filmmaker like René Clément, but when a publisher changes my words, I could kill!"

The finest directors have adapted her works: they have rarely come up to snuff in her estimation: Peter Brook ("Moderato Cantabile"), Tony Richardson ("Dix Heures et demi du soir en été"). She will never even talk about Jean-Jacques Annaud's version of "L'Amant" and she did not attend Alain Resnais' "Hiroshima mon amour" although it is the screenplay that made her famous. And the approach to it is discussed in "Marguerite Duras," published by the Cinéma Athénée Française and Editions Mazotta.

Her aversion to Annaud's movie is not surprising: She can't understand why anybody should go all the way to Vietnam to shoot the Mekong when she could have gotten the same effect on the banks of the Marne. Among the directors she does like are Benoit Jacquot and Bruno Nuytten, who have worked on her films.

She is surrounded by a vast family of followers: young novelists, artists and friends, her son, Jean Mascolo, and Andréa, who drives her everywhere, stays by her side, laughs with her and only takes off for an occasional smoke.

During breaks between films, she sits at a small table in the hall, a diminutive sphinx. She no longer smokes or drinks, but holds on to a small, symbolic glass of Alsatian wine. A circle forms and the Cinéma Athénée's cat rubs against her legs.

Never one to mince her words, she agrees with a student who finds "Agatha" too aesthetic — "Perhaps. But I can't reject it completely." When he goes on to admire another film, "L'Homme Atlantique," she nods. "Yes, it's a chef d'oeuvre."

There is a young girl from a trade school who never goes to the movies, but has come here every night. Another girl pokes her head through the magic circle to say, "Your movie made me laugh." "Is that so?" Duras looks at her, eyes half closed, imperturbable.

Joan Dupont is a Paris-based writer specializing in the arts.

PEOPLE

A Case of Hooliganism?

Brickbats for Parrotti

Tener of the times! La Scala opera house in Milan has threatened to take "extreme" action against rowdy audiences after Luciano Pavarotti was whistled and heckled during the first night of the new season. Pavarotti tripped up twice in the lead role in Franco Zeffirelli's production of Verdi's "Don Carlo," and Zeffirelli was panned by critics. "A theater can accept dissent from the public, but not this kind of demonstration of hooliganism," said Carlo Fontana, manager of the world's most famous — and sometimes noisier — opera house. "Extreme evils require extreme remedies."

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has not decided whether she will attend her granddaughter's second wedding in Scotland on Saturday, her spokesman said, because of previous engagements. Tabloid newspapers reported that the 92-year-old Queen Mum was snubbing Princess Anne's wedding to Commander Timothy Laurence. The tabs are also crying royal revenge: The press will be confined to a parking lot for the ceremony.

Greetings from Santa's workshop: Rufus Johnson, a shopping mall elf, was still wearing his velvet vest and pointed cap when police led him away from a Modesto, California, mall and hooked him on charges of waving an \$800 in photo receipts from Santa's kiosk. Santa Robert Miller's suspicions were aroused when Johnson gave unusual advice to a child on Santa's knee. "The kid wouldn't smile when we said, 'Say cheese,'" Miller said. "Then he leans in and says, 'Say money.'" In New Zealand, a part-time Santa resigned after children with water bombs and eggs, Jim Senior said the children attending the parade had an attitude problem. "They were like rats. I didn't have time for any ho-hos this year."

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CROSSWORD

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BOOKS

DIDEROT: A Critical Biography by P. N. Furbank. Illustrated. 524 pages. \$30. Alfred A. Knopf. Reviewed by Herbert Mitgang. For readers who associate Denis Diderot only with his editorship of the Encyclopédie, that great French testament of the Age of Enlightenment, P. N. Furbank has written a biography that is full of delightful surprises about the man, his achievements and his circle of philosophers.

The Encyclopédie was published between 1751 and 1772. At the same time that a spy planted in Diderot's employ secretly passed manuscripts to the police in return for getting the Encyclopédie acquired an admirer: Louis XV. With a keen eye for revealing incidents, Furbank tells a story attributed to Voltaire, who got it from one of the king's servants. Louis was dining with his courtiers when the conversation turned to gunpowder; he and his guests wondered how gunpowder worked.

Invited to educate her on everything from the Russian social system and fiscal policy to the cultivation of wine grapes and tobacco. They forgot ceremony, exchanged ideas and argued incessantly. Furbank calls "Diderot" a critical biography and provides the reader with a portrait of the philosopher in his many guises: novelist, playwright, critic of all the arts. Regrettably, Furbank's lively and informed biography omits mention of the influence of the French philosopher on the revolutionary founders of the United States. Nevertheless, "Diderot," with its emphasis on the arts as well as philosophy, is a highly original story of a great life.

BEST SELLERS

Table listing best-selling books in Fiction and Nonfiction categories, including titles like 'The Grapes of Wrath' and 'The Catcher in the Rye'.

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New Look at Met's Costume Galleries

By Bernadine Morris. The newest permanent floating costume exhibition opens Thursday at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in the redesigned galleries of the Costume Institute. Twenty years ago, a new era in the presentation of costumes at museums was inaugurated by Diana Vreeland with 'The World of Balenciaga.' Annual Exhibitions on Hollywood, Russian costume, Yves Saint Laurent and the like drew more than half a million visitors in the nine months each show was on view.